

April 4, 2023

Commissioners' Conference Room
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Chris Eldridge, Connie Huff, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Tim Cunningham, John Villa, Todd Thacker, Bruce Allen, Dorene Hojnicky, Tony Cassiseah, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with meeting minutes for March 28, 2023 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the minutes for March 28, 2023. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with payroll for March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$1,139,516.94 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the March 31, 2023 payroll. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of March 25, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$614,011.48. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the March 25, 2023 through March 31, 2023 claims in the amount of \$614,011.48. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution Approving Acquisition of Certain Real Property - Commissioners. Mike Morris said that the Commissioners had gotten two appraisals for property formerly known as the FBI building (21 West Wabash Avenue) and averaged the two amounts to make an offer on the property. This would be incumbent on funding from the County Council. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said that he had prepared the resolution. Statute says that the County could not offer more than the average of the two appraisals as a purchase offer. The two appraisals must be kept on file for five years. The resolution does say that it is subject to County Council approval. Chris Switzer said that the average of the two appraisals was \$467,000. He noted that the seller wants \$590,000 and may reject the offer or not respond at all. If the offer should be accepted, the Commissioners will be going in front of the Council and at that time will have a plan that also includes the costs of what would be needed to make the building operable a dispatch center as well. Mark Clinkenbeard said that this is probably the number one priority at the moment to get a safe place for 911 to work from. Mr. Clinkenbeard then made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Tax Sale Services Support Addendum – John Villa. John Villa explained that starting with the next tax sale, which would likely be in September although no date has yet been set, SRI is raising their rate from \$100 to \$125. This addendum will approve that. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Addendum. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

2023 Wabashiki Bridge Inspection – Larry Robbins. Larry Robbins explained that this is a contract for the Wabashiki Fish & Wildlife pedestrian bridge inspection. With the bridge being completed, it needs to be in

the inventory to be inspected periodically. Since this is a pedestrian bridge, it can probably be inspected about every 5 years instead of 2. This contract is with the County's bridge inspector, VS Engineering, and the cost is \$33,500. County Attorney Terry Modesitt has reviewed it, suggested some modifications which VS Engineering has made and sent back for approval. Chris Switzer said that he had talked to Mr. Modesitt last year about creating an ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles off the bridge. Since the County now owns the bridge, he would like Mr. Modesitt to follow up about creating such an ordinance. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the VS Engineering contract. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. There were none.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Dorene Hojnicky, Emergency Management Director was there to give an update on last weekend's tornado which struck neighboring Sullivan County. Dr. Hojnicky reviewed the assistance that had been, and is continuing to be, provided to assist in the cleanup. She also reviewed the current needs of the residents and the ongoing cleanup. Housing for those displaced and manpower for cleanup are two of their greatest needs at the moment. Temporary housing cannot be moved in until cleanup is further along clearing space to move it into. Mike Morris commended and complimented the EMA on their response during this tragedy. Chris Switzer thanked the Terre Haute Fire Department, surrounding volunteer fire departments, Terre Haute Police Department and the Vigo County Sheriff's Office for all the assistance they provided. Mark Clinkenbeard also thanked the EMA for their amazing response during this time. There was a lengthy discussion. Mark Clinkenbeard noted that the United Way was helping in obtaining monetary aid for relief. Mike Morris said that Sullivan Mayor Clint Lamb had notified him that monetary contributions could also be made to the Wabash Valley Community Foundation in Sullivan to help the citizens in need.

Mark Clinkenbeard gave a brief update on security for the Government Center. They are working on getting swipe cards for the offices in this building that do not currently have that installed. He also said they plan to be on the Council agenda for May regarding funding for an x-ray machine for the entrance.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.


Mike Morris


Chris Switzer


Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:

James Bramble, Auditor